

[22nd December 1922]

A.—(1) (a) The amount paid is as follows :—

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Official year 1917-18	724
” 1918-19	831
” 1919-20	1,117
” 1920-21	1,338
” 1921-22	1,594

(b) Yes. Of the light-keepers in Madras only the head light-keeper is provided with free quarters, a house being leased in the near neighbourhood of the lighthouse for that purpose.

(2) The facts are as stated.

Surface drains in Negapatam.

649 Q.—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Negapatam Municipal Council have requested the Government in their resolution No. 4, dated 22nd May 1922, to sanction the construction of surface drains in the town and bear the entire cost of the scheme ; and

(b) whether it is the intention of the Government to comply with the request of the municipal council ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The Government have no such intention.

Adi-Dravida representation in the Negapatam taluk board.

650 Q.—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state why no Adi-Dravidas have been nominated to the Negapatam taluk board in spite of representations made ?

A.—No Adi-Dravida was appointed to the Negapatam taluk board because no suitable candidate was available for nomination.

Europeans and Anglo-Indians in the Negapatam municipal council.

651 Q.—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Europeans and Anglo-Indians of Negapatam had till recently two members to represent them in the Negapatam municipal council ; and

(b) why no Europeans have now been appointed to the Negapatam municipal council ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) An Anglo-Indian will be nominated to the council.

The new system of port lighting.

652 Q.—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state, in view of the introduction of the new system of port lighting, what steps Government propose to take to provide employment for the light-keepers whose services are below ten years ?